



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re U.S. Patent Application of**

**TAMAKI et al.**

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**For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DYNAMICALLY  
ALLOCATING COMPUTER RESOURCES BASED ON  
SERVICE CONTRACT WITH USER**

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**RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Sir:**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 23, 2006, the period of response to which is set to expire on April 23, 2007, with the payment of the appropriate government extension fee for three months. A Request for Continued Examination is respectfully submitted herewith. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: